

K-12 Arts Education EVERY STUDENT EVERY SCHOOL EVERY YEAR



Without the arts, many students are missing out on the complete education they need

In the creative economy of the 21st century, arts education is vital—a vibrant part of a basic, high-quality education. The Washington State Arts Commission's new research report reveals both progress and ongoing needs in the drive to strengthen opportunities for K-12 arts education throughout Washington State. The report—part of our Arts Education Research Initiative—surveyed nearly 500 principals statewide about curriculum, assessments, professional development, community partnerships, and more. And it uncovered sobering facts and active ways everyone can make a difference.

- * **Improve access to arts curricula**
- * **Measure what students learn**
- * **Support arts teachers**
- * **Advance arts partnerships**
- * **Leverage sustainable funding**



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

63%

of principals are dissatisfied with the quantity of arts education in their schools.

33%

of elementary students receive less than one hour per week of arts instruction.

41%

of schools are using ongoing, criteria-based assessments, up from 32% in 2005.

Read the full report at:
www.arts.wa.gov/education/aeri.shtml